



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

May 15, 2002

S. 975 **Community Character Act of 2002**

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works
on April 25, 2002*

SUMMARY

S. 975 would direct the Economic Development Administration (EDA) to make grants to states and tribes for projects related to land-use planning. The grants would be used for state or tribal research, development, and education, and to provide funding to local governments for land-use planning and other activities. For this purpose, the bill would authorize the appropriation of \$25 million annually for fiscal years 2003 through 2007.

CBO estimates that implementing S. 975 would cost \$70 million through fiscal year 2007, assuming the appropriation of the authorized amounts. (About \$55 million of the authorized total would be spent after 2007.) The bill would not affect direct spending or receipts; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply.

The bill contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA).

ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

The estimated budgetary impact of S. 975 is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 450 (community and regional development). For purposes of this estimate, CBO assumes that the bill will be enacted before the start of fiscal year 2003, and that authorized amounts will be appropriated for each fiscal year. Estimated outlays are based on historical spending patterns for similar EDA programs.

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars				
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007

SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION

EDA Land-Use Grants ^a					
Authorization Level	25	25	25	25	25
Estimated Outlays	2	8	15	20	25

a. For 2002, \$335 million was appropriated for the various development assistance programs administered by EDA. Land-use grants would be a new EDA program.

PAY-AS-YOU-GO CONSIDERATIONS: None.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT

S. 975 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA. The bill would authorize grants to states and tribal governments of \$25 million annually over the 2003-2007 period for land-use planning purposes. With the exception of tribal governments that do not have sufficient funds to meet matching requirements, the bill would require state and tribal government recipients to provide at least 10 percent of the funds for any project supported by the new grants.

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